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DEAR JOSEPH:

FOLLOWING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONCERNING ADJUSTMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL STAFF SALARIES AND THE THREATENED WORK STOPPAGE ON MARCH 18, I HAVE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE POINTS YOU RAISED.

I SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT A WORK STOPPAGE SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, AND WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TOWARD THAT END.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT ALL PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO SLOW DOWN THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL WHICH HAS RESULTED IN LEVELS OF INTERNATIONAL STAFF SALARIES WHICH MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO DEFEND BEFORE CONGRESS

CONTINUED INCREASES AT THE SAME RATE, ESPECIALLY AT THE HIGHER GRADES, WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTRIBUTE OUR SHARE OF 24.4 PER CENT.

I HAVE THEREFORE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT THE U.S. CANNOT DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE UNANIMOUS POSITION TAKEN BY ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS THAT SENIOR NATO STAFF SHOULD RECEIVE LESS THAN 100 PER CENT COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS. IN MY VIEW, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF NATO TO FACE THIS ISSUE NOW IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ALL ALLIES.

WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

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